

AMHERST PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2013

This fiscal year the Public Art Commission started off running and never stopped to catch its breath until Christmas. We began with finalizing the agreement to move forward with the purchase of a large sculpture (Portal by Matt Evald Johnson) for Kendrick Park.

The Commission then turned its attention for the next several months to the very successful production of the **2012 Amherst Biennial: Art in Expected & Unexpected Places**. The month long show featured art in 26 different locations throughout Amherst ranging from art museums to banks to libraries to local businesses and nature reserves. Forty-six artists participated in the Biennial including two octogenarians, a teenager and students from the Fort River elementary school. The art was viewed by thousands of residents and visitors and received a review or mention in several local, regional and national publications.

The remainder of the year focused on our quarterly shows at Town Hall and on raising funds to pay for the Portal sculpture. By the end of the fiscal year, we had raised approximately \$7,000 of the needed \$10,000 in gifts and pledges.